

In re application of:

Serial No.: 09/831,483

Filed: 9 May 2001

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR HANDLING
SHEET METAL WORKPIECES TO BE WELDED

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR §1.9 and §1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §1.9 and §1.27 is enclosed.
- No additional fee is required.

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- Applicant petitions the Commissioner for a 2 month(s) extension of time to respond, pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).
- A check in the amount of \$ 746.00 is attached in payment of the excess claim fees.
- Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-0235 for any over or under payment of filing fees under 37 CFR §1.16 for presentation of extra claims, or patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.
- Other: _____

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.116

Dear Sir/Madam:

In response to the Office Action of 5/13/03, applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and remarks. The period of response for the 5/13/03 Office Action expired on 8/13/03. Applicant therefore respectfully requests a two-month extension be granted, the fee for which is provided herewith.

In the present application claims 11-42 are currently pending. Claims 12-22, 29, 34, 35 are allowed. Claims 11, 23-24, 27-28, 30, 33, 36-38 and 40 are rejected. Claims 25-26, 31-32, 39, and 41-42 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.